

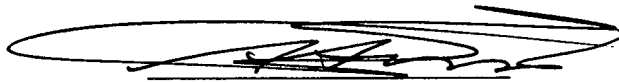
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated May 28, 2004. Unallowed claims 1-10 have been cancelled. However, Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application based on the cancelled claims.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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